

ROBERT R. WILLIAMS



1883—Born, Mackinac, Wisconsin.
1899—Finished High School. Spent summers in General Store.

1899-1900—Took Commercial Course, Business College, Springfield, Ill.

1900—Entered employ of Franklin Life Insurance Co. as Clerk in General Office.

1903—Advanced to Agency Dept.—Chief Accountant.

1906—Gave up Life Insurance work and took up 5 and 10c line in store No. 3, Chicago.

1907—Managed store No. 17, Cleveland, Ohio, until July 1908. Opened store No. 36, Pittsburg, that fall. Married.

1910—Moved to Detroit as buyer of dry goods, hosiery, underwear, ribbons, lace, embroidery and veiling.

1911—Made first European Lace Buying Trip for Kruege Co.

1914—In Europe at outbreak of war.

1915—Director of Company and Merchandise Manager.

1919—Secretary of Company for this year.

1920—Vice-President in charge of Merchandising. Member of Rotary Club, Presbyterian Church and Masonic organizations.

C. B. TUTTLE



1881—Born August 18.

1896—Finished grade school.

1897—Worked in factory one year, but left home at age of sixteen for Chicago in December. Moved to Detroit the following Spring. Took job firing stationary boiler with a view to learning stationary engineer's trade.

1899—Followed that occupation by engaging with Mr. Kruege in September to operate steam boiler in Detroit store, then known as Kruege & Wilson. Worked in stock room during spare time. Became interested in store work from the start.

1900—In June opened store in Pontiac, Mich. Remained there until September, 1901.

Returned to Detroit and assisted Mr. Kruege in the operation of a new and enlarged store. (In those days we paid the bills and did most of the office work nights).

1903—Opened store in Toledo, O., and managed it until opening of Chicago store September, 1905.

1906—In October returned to Toledo and remained there until January, 1909, when transferred to Indianapolis, Ind.

1906—Called to Detroit office in August. Assigned to buying staff, handling candy, cakes, hardware, wire goods, tinware, cutlery, woodware, brushes, silverware, and supplies.

Later as the staff increased and revision of the lines became necessary, bought Japanese china, domestic crockery, glassware, gas fixtures, men's and ladies' neckwear, coats, hats, millinery, jewelry, and fountain supplies.

1920—January. Surrendered the last line to devote entire time to Treasurer's duties.